

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated July 20, 2005. Claims 1 to 3 and 5 to 9 are in the application, of which Claims 1 and 9 are independent. Claim 4 has been cancelled. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 1 to 8 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claim 1 has been amended to specify that at least two plate portions are formed into coils. A similar change was made to Claim 9, even though Claim 9 was not rejected. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that Claim 4 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In keeping with this indication of allowable subject matter, Applicant has amended both of independent Claims 1 and 9 to include the features of Claim 4, and consequently Claims 1 and 9 are seen to be in condition for allowance.

The Office Action entered rejections of Claims 1 to 3 and 5 to 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 4,176,335 (Charpenlier). The foregoing actions have been taken without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and without conceding correctness of the rejections, but rather strictly to obtain an earlier allowance and to expedite issuance. Accordingly, this should be viewed as a traversal of the rejections.

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